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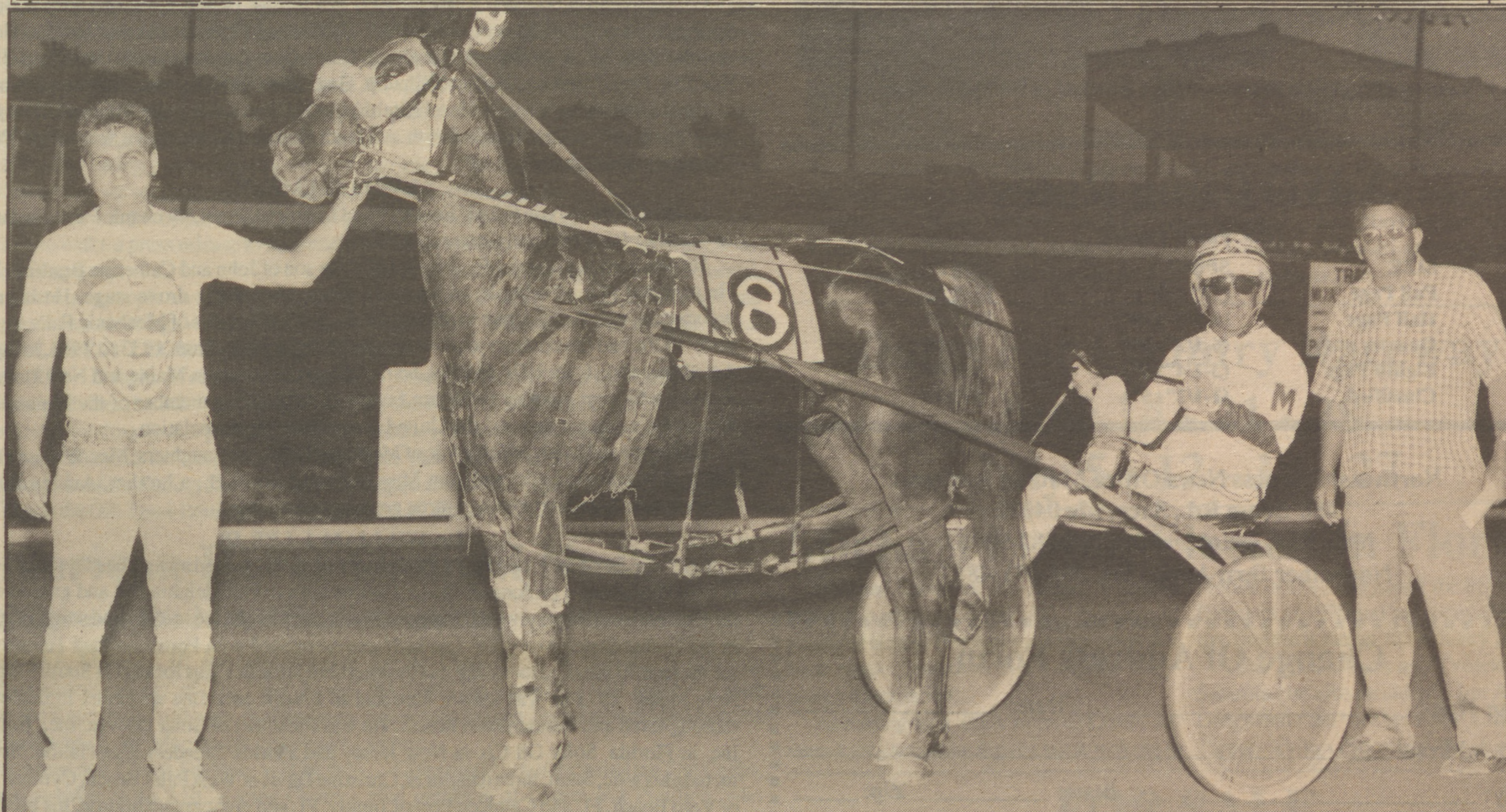
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Mark Hoxie of East Millinocket, holds HH Lotus in the winner's circle on opening night at Bangor Raceway. The son of Fulla Strikes, circles the half-mile oval in 2:00.2, the fastest time of the opening 4-day weekend. Sittin in the bike is Butch MacKenzie. Standing next to him is Lew Hoxie of East Millinocket. (Youngs Photo)

Successful May Opener At Bangor

By KEN WARD

Armed with a nearly new crew, a positive attitude, and a race track with more than \$70,000 in repairs, Bangor opened its 45-day meet on Friday, May 24.

Last fall, Bangor officials made the commitment to bring the track into condition. A new drainage system was installed and this spring, the track was resurfaced. It certainly has paid off in better racing.

During the winter off-season, Bangor hired many new faces and some not so new. Clayton Smith of Cumberland was hired as a track consultant, Peter Hanley III was selected as the new race secretary, J. Michael Lynch is the new presiding judge and Earland Danforth was hired as the new track superintendent.

The 4-day opening Memorial Day weekend began with a 10-dash program and ceremonies honoring servicemen and women with "Operation Thank You." Members of the Bangor High School ROTC Color Guard stood at attention. Alex Zendzian, a trumpeter with the Bangor High School Band, played the National Anthem.

The 1991 Bangor racing season on Friday night was only one race old when Butch MacKenzie Jr. paced HH Lotus around the Bass Park oval in a quick 2:00.1. It was the fastest mile of the opening holiday weekend. There was another pair of outstanding miles clocked on Sunday's program when Steve Mancine and Steph's Magic dropped a 2:00.2 mile to win the fifth race. Four races later,

Mike Cushing and Possessive Nature paced a winning mile in the ninth race winning in 2:00.2.

Also on opening night, Marc Mosher, driving Skipper J., won the City of Bangor Pace in 2:03.1, setting a new lifetime mark for the horse. Councilor Mary Sullivan and her husband Charles, along with Dale Theriault, executive director of the Bass Park Complex, made the presentation on behalf of the city.

During the first four days of racing at Bangor Raceway, there were 40 races carded. In those races, ten horses set lifetime marks and nine set new seasonal marks.

Seasonal marks were set by: Mer Jet, There's A Dream, She's A Jeannie, Babs Star, Hockanum Shadow, Lasercraft, Sharp Doc,

Hunter's Walk and Trusty Jill.

Lifetime marks were established by: Tax Fund, Willy Mamouth, Mindami, Skipper J., HH Lotus, Percy's Faith, Finesse Player, Whirloff Time, Chocky Forwood and Sunny's Breeze.

The parimutuel handle for the opening weekend increased by 20 percent over the same time period in 1990. For the first three days, Bangor handled a total of \$265,433 for 1991, an increase of \$38,599 over the 1990 figure of \$220,834.

Bangor Raceway will continue to race a 4-day weekend, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

June 6 — Maine Harness Race Commission meeting - Augusta.
June 9 — Scarborough Downs Trot Final \$3,500.
June 14 — The Challenger Pacing Series Final \$4,000 Scarborough Downs.
June 14 — Country Raceway opens in Presque Isle, Maine.
June 15 — The Maine Trotting Series Final \$2,000 Scarborough.
June 15 — The "Paul Bunyan" Trotting Series Final at Bangor \$1,750+.
June 15 — Long Horn Tack Shop - Grand Opening - Rt. 1, Scarborough
June 16 — Bangor's "Best" Pacing Series Final \$2,500+.

June 16 — Bangor's "Challenger" Pacing Series Final \$2,000+.
June 16 — American Horse Council Annual Convention - Washington D.C.
June 19 — Bangor's "Keep Trying" Pacing Series Final \$1,500+.
June 20 — Spring Fling Pacing Series Final \$2,000 - Scarborough.
June 20 — Maine Breeders Sale - Entries due - \$50 consignment fee.
June 22 — A Saturday in June Pacing Series Final \$5,000 - Scarborough.
June 28 — Bangor's "Princess" Pacing Series Final \$1,500+.
June 29 — Bangor's "Future Stars" Pacing Series Final \$1,500+.



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Obituaries

GEORGE T. ROBINSON

HARMON - George T. Robinson, 72, died April 23, 1991, at his home. He was born in Newburgh, Oct. 5, 1918, the son of Alton and Ethel (Fifield) Robinson. After serving in World War II, Mr. Robinson moved to Hermon and started his construction company in 1952, which he ran until his retirement in 1987. He was an avid horseman for many years and a member of the Maine Harness Association and the U.S.T.A. George bred and raced harness horses for many years. His first was Mello Gold thru the are Meadow Valerie who produced Maine Stakes horses: Valeris's Pegasus, Valerie's April, Valerie's Beano to name a few.

Surviving, in addition to his wife Mildred of 54 years, one daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Richard Bean of Winterport; two granddaughters, two great-grandsons, two brothers, Glendon Robinson of Corinna and Donald Robinson of New Orleans, La.; nieces and nephews. Gifts in his memory may be sent to the George T. Robinson Memorial Heart Fund, Eastern Maine Charities, 489 State St., Bangor, ME 04401.

EDRIC GRIFFIN

Edric C. Griffin, 71, died April 21, 1991 at a Belfast Hospital. He was born in Stockton Spring January 20, 1920, son of Harold P. Griffin and Florance (Green) Griffin. He was a member of U.S.T.A. and Maine Breeders STakes. Over the years Griffin has raced Gina Hy, Rex Bill, Proud Rodney, Nadine's Champ, Gate Time and Birchrest Pick to name a few.

He is survived by his wife Hazel (Smith) Griffin, one sister Calar McGraff, Stony Point, New York, two nieces Brenda Smith and Ruth Hislop. His interment was in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Starktor Spring, ME.

ALVRIA F. EMERY

LEWISTON - Alvria F. "Al" Emery, 93, of Lewiston Street, Mechanic Falls, died recently at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

He was born in Poland, Me. July 9, 1897, the son of John and Catherine Bradford Emery. He attended Poland schools. In his early years, Mr. Emery drove stage. He later was a woodsman, was the first man to plow snow from the sidewalks of Mechanic Falls, and in the early 1930s had the contract to plow Mechanic Falls roads. From 1933 to 1963, he operated a coal business; from 1936 to 1974, he raced harness horses in Maine and New Hampshire. He was a 58-year member of Tyrian Lodge 73 AF&AM, a member of the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association and the United States Trotting Association.

He is survived by his wife Flossie of Mechanic Falls; two daughters, Mrs. William (Gloria) Diehl of Mechanic Falls, and Ann May of Pembroke, N.H.; a brother, Aubrey Emery of Kittery; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dr. WILLIAM J. LEE JR.

LEE - Dr. William J. Lee Jr., 73, of Delray Beach, FL passed away Tuesday, May 14, 1991 at home following a prolonged illness. He was born in Philadelphia, PA and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania College of Veterinary Medicine in 1944 and served as Captain in the United States Army. Dr. Lee had been associated with Pompano Park Harness Track for the past 30 years, prior to that, his thoroughbred practice was located in South Florida and New Jersey. Dr. Lee was known here and in Europe as a fine specialist in dealing with thoroughbred and standardbred horses. He was President of Solar Groves, Inc., Emmanna, Inc. in Florida, Solar Oil Co. in New Jersey and Florida Breeders Association. Survivors include his wife, Satin; three daughters, Christine Davis of West Palm Beach, Cynthia Boland of Vero Beach, FL and Cathleen Peel of Jupiter, FL and eight grandchildren; his brother, Dr. Jeremiah Lee; three sisters, Martha Cavanagh, Jane Carroll and Nancy Penny. A Wake Service was held May 16, 1991.

FRANKLIN H. SALLEY JR.

LEWISTON - Franklin Higgins Salley Jr., 70, of Key Hill Road, Greene, formerly of Lewiston and East Corinth, died at St. Mary's Hospital May 20th.

Born Sept. 24, 1920, he was the son of Franklin Higgins and Helen Salisbury Sally Sr. He graduated from East Corinth Academy in 1939 and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II.

After returning from military duty, he operated a dairy farm in East Corinth and, for several years, trained and raced standardbred horses at Salley's Stables in Lewiston.

Surviving is a sister, Phyllis D. DeNafio of Dover, N.H.

Burial will be in East Corinth.

MERLE J. HODGKINS JR.

Merle J. Hodgkins Jr., 70, died May 18 at his home in Ovideo, FL. He was born in Greene, Maine, June 15, 1920. He was the son of Merle and Helen Shaw Hodgkins. He graduated from Lewiston High School in 1938, Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield in 1939 and Becker College in Worcester in 1941. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

After returning from military duty, he joined his father in the lumber business and in racing standardbred horses. He was a well-known owner/trainer/driver and campaigned such horses as Royal Turk, Mary Ida, and Game Blackbird.

He resided in Greene, Maine most of his life, and for a time lived in Wales, ME prior to moving to Florida in 1979.

After moving to Florida he came North to race at Foxboro, Mass. every summer until Foxboro closed, then raced the next two summers at Scarboro Downs until ill health caused him to spend the last two years in Florida.

With his wife Phyllis, they operated Maine Horse Supply and manufactured Mainliner carts and sulkies for over 30 years, covering all New England tracks. He was also a founding member of Harness Horseman's International, a member of the United States Trotting Association and the Masons.

Surviving are his wife Phyllis Hodgkins of Oviedo, Fla. and daughters Janet (married to horseman Lloyd Gilmour) of Bowie, MD. and Karen (married to horseman Larry MacDonell) of Ft. Washington, MD.

Services were held Monday, May 27 at Valley Cemetery, Greene, ME.

Maine Fair News

By MURIEL BONIN

ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

The 79th annual meeting of the Maine Assn. of Agricultural Fairs was held Saturday, January 26th, 1991 at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Maine.

Since the annual meeting, a group has met with the Board of Directors in Bangor to work on a position for the several bills affecting racing and/or fairs. The full-time chairman of the Harness Racing Commission will be removed from the bill to make LD 402 a bill that Association could support.

It was voted to support LD 833 which will help the stipend without hurting racing.

It was voted to not support LD 784 to set three-year racing dates. LD 944 will be supported with changes in the percentages to match regular racing percentages as we now have. However, we will oppose it as presently written. It was voted to oppose any dog racing bills and to make a press release to that effect to the newspapers.

A great many people traveled a long way to take part in this meet ing. We appreciate it!!!!

THE LATEST LEGISLATIVELY...

LD 402 - Dwight Webber, Legislative Chairman, advises this bill is still on hold and he believes funding is the problem. We do support the bill with the exception of a full-time chairman of the Racing Commission. LD 944. This is the Off-Track Betting Bill. Dwight

expects this will pass. He and his committee have been able to include the protection of no off-track betting within a 50-mile radius of live racing. Seventy mile radius would be allowed with written permission of race track.

A big THANK YOU to Dwight Webber for jumping in to take the Legislative Chairmanship when asked by President Harold McManus. He has been able to do an excellent job in looking after the best interests of the fairs and deserves a great deal of credit.

MAINE HARNESS HORSEMEN MET

Have just received notice that the Maine Harness Horsemen will be meeting on Monday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland Fairgrounds Grandstand.

The newsletter carries some disturbing news - the handle is down 25.3% ... purses are terrible ... racing conditions are poor and purse checks are slow.

They are planning on a large turnout and have invited the Governor, other dignitaries, the press and Scarborough Downs personnel.

They are seeking "guidance, direction and constructive criticism" ... from their members.

Donald Marean of Standish has been named by the Board of Directors of MHHA to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Director and past president Robert Shumway. The appointment will expire at their annual election in January 1992.

American Horse Council News

Highlights of the June AHC Convention

Robert E. Mulcahy, III, the president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey sports and Exposition Authority, the operators of Meadowlands and Monmouth race tracks, Byrne Arena and Giants Stadium, will be the keynote speaker at the AHC Racing Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. on June 17 and June 18. Mr. Mulcahy will speak on June 17 on the role of racing in the '90s.

The Meadowlands Sports Complex, which is home to professional basketball, football and hockey franchises as well as first class Thoroughbred and harness racing, had annual net revenues of over \$186 million last year, and annual attendance at all of its facilities of approximately 9 million patrons. Mr. Mulcahy is currently chairman of Harness Tracks of America, serves on the board of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, and is a member of the executive committee of the American Horse Council.

Sports betting, Indian gaming, a comparison of off-track wagering in the United States and Great Britain, and Australian racing are some of the topics to be explored.

In addition to the previously announced speakers for the Council's Racing Conference on June 17 and June 18 — which included, among others, Congressman John Bryant (D-TX), Anthony Hope, chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, David Goodwill, president of Ladbrooke Beyer, turf writer for the Washington Post — several outstanding experts in their field have been added to the program.

Robert Lawrence, professor of economics and chairman of the Equine Industry Program of the University of Louisville, will act as chair of a panel dealing with the economic aspects of race horse ownership at the Council's

Racing Conference. In addition to chairing the panel, Dr. Lawrence will analyze purses being paid to both Thoroughbred and harness horses.

Other members of the panel are Tim Capps, vice president at Laurel and Pimlico, who will focus on the shortage of race horses, and Dave Carrico, first vice president of marketing at Churchill Downs, who will explain a new marketing program directed to encouraging new owners to invest in racing. Robert Manfuso will give the perspective of the Thoroughbred owner and the breeder in today's market, and Michael Chassanoff will give the viewpoint of a Standardbred owner and breeder.

Eugene Christiansen, president of Christiansen/Cummings Associates, a consulting firm providing advice to entertainment, sports and commercial gambling industries, will address the important topic of racing's need to position itself to take advantage of the advances in communications technology.

Dr. Richard Thalheimer, who is a member of the Department of Equine Administration at the University of Louisville will address the impact of various gambling and wagering games on both Thoroughbred and harness racing.

David Hooper, the newly-elected coordinator of the Race Track Industry Program at the University of Arizona, will outline the activities of this important program.

There will also be a panel discussion on the racing industry's successful campaign to defeat casinos in Ohio and an analysis by Warren DeSantis, general manager of Saratoga Harness, on the innovative betting from home experiment.



In attendance at the Maine Harness Race Commission meeting in Scarborough on May 22nd (l. to r.) Phil Tarr, Executive Secretary - Janice Crosby, MHRC Secretary - Diane Prkins, M.H.R. Commissioner - Jim Harrington, M.H.R. Chairman - Eric Bryant, Assistant Attorney General - Gerald Lamarre, M.H.R. Commissioner - Donald Graves, M.H.R. Commissioner.

Dates For Country Raceway

June 14 - 21 - 28

July 5 - 12 - 19 - 27

Michael Labun Elected In Florida

Michael Labun of Ft. Myers, a former Florida in 1982. He joined the FGA Board of harness horse enthusiast and organizer of Directors in 1990 and has focused on legislative problems facing the industry in Florida. Other FGA officers are: Yvonne Gurbada, Sarasota (1st vice president); Jim Abernathy, Longwood (2nd vice president); Jim Hinson, Tarpon Springs (Secretary-Treasurer).

According to a FGA release, Labun has been a greyhound racing fan since moving to

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Mystery Photo For May

That was stakes winner Esquire Direct in the winners circle at Montreal's, Richelieu Park about 30 years ago. He was owned by George Landers of Kittery, Maine and driven by Bill Haughton. Others in photo - Race secretary George Giguere and Bill Connell of Maine. Margaret Salzillo was the winner and receives a renewal of Northeast Harness News.

Patrons Please Note!

In the event that a harness track opens in Massachusetts,

I will be entertaining thoughts of a partner.

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Jean B. Emerson, Editor

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Pine Tree Sale Results

Cumberland Raceway - May 20th

JEFF ALBASTORM b g (Storm Damage-Bet Your Bippy) William Moore	\$650
BOLD MERRY & COLT b m (Bold Bay-Most Happy Hooker) Ronnie Pate	\$470
ARM BRO BRAZEN & SUCKLING COLT b m (Arm bro Jet-Sara Lane Hanover) Loring Norton	\$1100
GIFTED SAHBRA b m (Good To See You-Tender Sahbra) Skyline Inc.	\$550
MILES END TAMMY b m (Merger-Miles End Ida) George Dumond	\$370
FLASHY TASSY ch m (Miles End Steve-Miles End Ida) Wayne Wheeler	\$450
GEORGE ALLENS BOY br g (George Allen-Fulla B.J.) Skyline Inc.	\$1225
PENROD HANOVER b g (Tyler B-Pert Dottie) Kevin Prebble	\$460
DRIVE YA CRAZY b f (Trouble Maker-Courtland Chancy) Brewer Racing Stable, Scarborough, ME	\$430
SHE'S A DREAM b m (Trusty Dream-Kitty Abbe) Walter LaFreniere Jr.	\$440
MY BILL SUGARBEAR b g (My Bill Forwood-Wedding Bells) Marian DesLandes, Island Pond, VT	\$430
TO BE A STAR b g (Startross-Suffolk Stacey) Ronnie Pate	\$430
STACY b m (Skipper Gene Marx-Fiddlefoot) Julian Blanch, Lubec, ME	\$550
ROLL OUT b h (Escort-Lisa Doll) William J. Berton, Mars Hills, ME	\$675
TROY'S MATE A b g (Loyal Lord-Young Tempest) Kevin Switzer	\$1200
MIDNIGHT T CROSSING br m (Forrest Skipper-Maxines Happiness) Valerie Grondin, Bangor, ME	\$1150
WE WON b m (Intermittent-Gee I Win) Carlton Chamnberlin, Springvale, ME	\$1550
BERT'S DREAMER ch h (Brets Richard-Shiaway Rill) Adopt-A-Horse Program	\$190
RAZZY SNAZZY b g (Meadow Good Time-Snazzy Lady) Buddy Burke, So. Paris, ME	\$1750
PENNY CASH blk g (Arm bro Penny-Ina Cash) Don Gallant, Bangor, ME	\$975
JESSE VON b g (Cambret-Von's Irish Miss) Tom Callahan, Lewiston, ME	\$2750
POCKETS b g (Jay Time-Vita An Bye) Harry F. Stevens, Addison, ME	\$1600
THRILLER J br h (Majestic Lobell-Aroused) Raymond Clukey	\$1550
THIRD DIMENSION b m (Isle Of Wight-Miss Special Time) Raymond Sawyer	\$350
FINAL blk g (Jamuga-Peachee Dream) Paul Brescanni	\$1500
PACEALONG LADY J br f (Mountain Skipper-Tinker Lady J) John Nason	\$380
BONAFIDEA br g (Morning Breeze-Bonabel) Joseph Weymouth, Dixmont, ME	\$50-0
RECURRENT b m (Cross Current-Hobby Horse Reet) Valerie Grondin	\$1500
PAPPA SHOAT b g (N.L. Skipper-Eyre Thrill) Valerie Grondin	\$1200
GAELIC LASER b m (Cavenish-Lonely's Miss) Luke Varnum	\$1150
THOREAU b g (Ideal Society-Torwood Hanover) Buddy Burke	\$1670
BIG PROSPECTOR br g (J.C. Cantrell-Mystery Bell) Stan Whittemore	\$400
GAMBLER TWO STEP br h (Bruce Gimbel-Torrid Time) L.E. Chasse	\$400
CHEETAH'S SEAHAWK b h (Seahawk Hanover-Happy Cheetah) Stan Whittemore	\$370
CANDY TREAT b m (Breton hanover-Candy Lion) Marilyn Bramigan, Greene, ME	\$380
DINO THE DINOSAUR b g (Smartest Remark-Luxury Hanover) Walter Burke, Atkinson, NH	\$625
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Ken Sumner leads a trotting mare and foal into the ring at the Pine Tree Sale at Cumberland.




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You can also write or call the Legislative Information Office, State House, Station 100, Augusta, 04333, telephone: 289-1692. Individual copies of any bill are available free of charge by contacting the Legislative Document Room, State House, Augusta, telephone: 289-1408.

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- PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES - lists all bills scheduled for public hearings by legislative committees during legislative session.
- WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR - lists meetings of legislative committees (mostly relating to studies and confirmations), commissions, boards and task forces with legislators on their membership.

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Letters are extremely effective. Address them to "House of Representatives, State House, Station 2, Augusta, Maine 04333," to reach your representative and "Senate of Maine, State House, Station 3, Augusta, Maine 04333," to reach your Senator. Please include your name and address so the legislator can respond. Personal visits are also valuable. Personal postcards, phone calls and well written letters all help. Be sure to tell your legislator why you support or oppose a measure. Representatives can be reached toll free at 1-800-423-2900 and Senators at 1-800-423-6900.

When To Contact Your Legislator

Each bill is referred to one of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee (for example: Agriculture; Taxation; State and Local Government; etc.) which holds an advertised public hearing which you may attend. In addition, each bill in most instances appears on the floor of the House and Senate a total of at least six days before final passage by the Legislature. There is ample time to let your legislators know your feelings, but the sooner the better.

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Clerk of the House, State House, Station 2, Augusta 04333
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Bills already printed include:

- LD 337 - An act to amend laws pertaining to horsemen's purse accounts and track improvements (drops cap from \$37 to \$30 million).
- LD 402 - An act revising harness racing laws (Titcomb study bill)
- LD 784 - An act allowing the MHRC to allot dates for 3 years
- LD 833 - An act to repeal the sunset provision of simulcast laws. (This will allow the Jan-Feb simulcast each year)
- LD 944 - An act to permit off-track betting.

Women In The Sport: Locally Distaffers Prevail At Scarborough Downs



In the racing office: (l. to r.) Diane Stevenson, Clerk of Course & Program Director - Anna Blackwood, Assistant Race Secretary - Margaret Salzillo, Timer - Denise Herricks, Race Secretary. (missing from picture - Joyce Tiner, Patrol Judge).



In the main office: (l. to r.) Sharon Terry, Treasurer and Stockholder - Janice McGrath, General Manager - Audrey Gerry, Legislative Liason - Katherine Palston, Corporate Administrator and Advertising Director (missing from picture - Kelly Perham, Assistant General Manager and Laversa Bailey, Admissions).

Update on Legislative Issues - 5/27/91

LD 944, the bill to allow off-track betting in the state of Maine, has been granted a 9-3 majority ought to pass vote by the Legal Affairs Committee. It is expected that this bill, along with Maine's four other harness racing bills, will reach the floor of the Maine House of Representatives by late this month or early June.

Of added interest--LD 1135, a bill to allow video credit machines (a polite term for slots), has received a divided report by the Legal Affairs Committee. This bill would allow

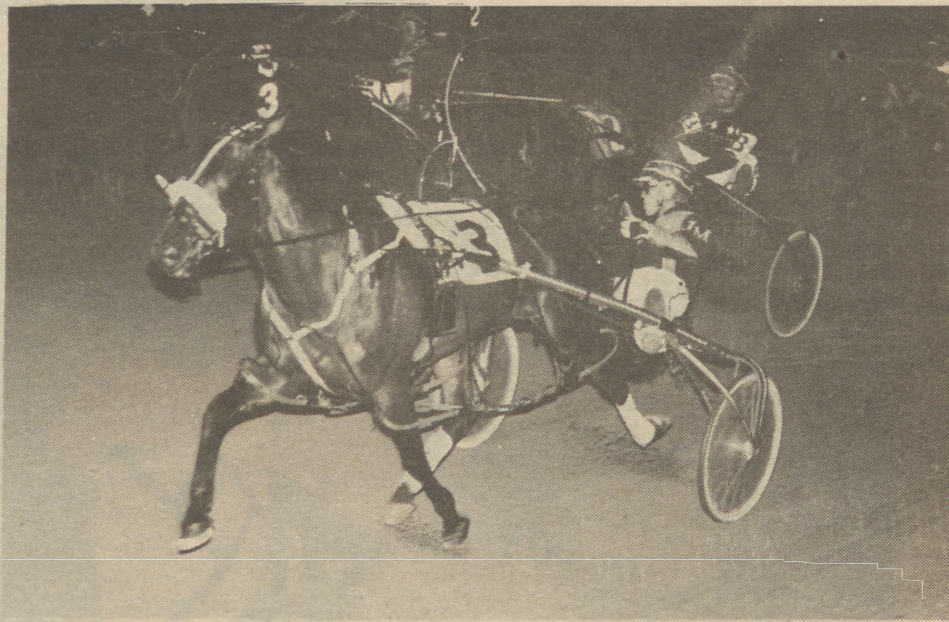
these machines in about 1600 Maine locations. It has been a busy year for the racing industry in Augusta for those involved in the legislative process. I would especially like to thank Dana Childs, Dave Higgins, Dwight Webber, Ken Ronco, Jan McGrath, and many others for the long hours put into this process.

But, remember, it isn't over yet! Write letters! Call legislators! We still need your help!

Audrey Gerry
M.S.B.O.A. President

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Lady Scarborough Final

By LLOYD F. JOHNSON

Winsong Amber, an improving four year old daughter of Romano Hanover, repeated last weeks preliminary round victory on Saturday night (May 25th) while capturing the 1991 Lady Scarborough Stakes Series at Scarborough Downs. The Dana Delisle-leased entry once again proved her gameness while stepping every stride along the front end of a solid field in 2:00.1. Driver Joe Mosher held off the frantic late charge of the race favorite, Katie Bar The Door, for a full length advantage following early fractions of .29.4, 1:00.1, and 1:30.1. Brew's Breeze finished third after a rousing wide-side move past the three-quarter-mile marker. The \$2,500 winners-share of the Stakes purse raised Winsong Amber's seasonal bankroll past the \$5,000 after her 11th start of the new season. The 2:00.1 clocking was also a new Lifetime Win Mark for the former Maine Stakes starter.

The fastest mile of the week came on Sunday afternoon (May 26th) with Bret's Caliber re-establishing supremacy in the top Winners-Over Class Pace with a mile in 1:58 flat. The veteran eight year old took advantage of a small five-horse field (after two late scratches) setting sail out of the gate and then proceeding to pace away through fractions of .29, .59.1, and 1:28.2. John Beckwith had the winning drive for owners Lowell and Patricia Pease of Scarborough, Maine. Newcomer Windsor's Honor was second with Sinnamon Skip rallying for the Show in the seasons third fastest mile.

Casino Brat lived up to his early season promise on Friday night (May 24th), when he came from well off the early pace-setters, for a solid four-length victory in 1:58.3. The

William and Elsie Edwards-owned entry set fourth through early panels of .29.1 and 1:00.1 then took to the outside with driver Walter LaFreniere Jr. to engage the early leader On Target Bret past three-quarters in 1:29.3. A final panel in .29 flat was the key as the classy four year old son of Bret Hanover held sway over a fast closing Native Bearcat, while establishing a new Lifetime Mark.

A pair of 2:00 miles rounded out the top speed trips of the week with Trusty Bad Guy outgaming Kellytuck Tuck on Friday night for his second-seasonal wink and DR D.C. simply amazing the Maine fans on Wednesday night while reducing his Lifetime Win Mark by some five full seconds.

The Top Trots of the week came on Sunday afternoon with Tryst Spectator and Roll 'N Oaks Gold both stopping the infield Teletimer in 2:03.2. Tryst Spectator's score came in the opening round of the 1991 Downs Trot Stakes with Leigh Fitch in the bike with every stride along the front end of the seven-horse field. Roll 'N Oaks Gold, a peaking five year old, came from off the early "trot," while stepping away by a widening four-lengths on the wire for driver Don Guidetts Jr.

Other fast winners of the week included Tara's Red Morning, Young Holiday and Never Dull in 2:01 with Township Brad, Big Guy's Fashion, Philena P, and Wind Force all getting home first in 2:01.1. Bowley Brook Burt (2:01.3) and Damon (2:01.4) rounded out the weeks sub 2:02 winners at the Downs.

Scarborough's summer season is now in full swing with Tuesday through Saturday night programs featuring a 7:30 Post Time along with the popular Sunday afternoon sessions which start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Scarborough Downs Statistics

March 1991	per dash average	\$8741
	daily average handle	\$113,168
April 1991	per dash average	\$7846
	daily average handle	\$104,981
May 1991	per dash average	\$7767
	daily average handle	\$110,026

Harness Racing Communications

YANKEE CO-ED, CAM'S EXOTIC SET TO CLASH IN \$180,000 TURTLE DOVE AT ROSECROFT

OXON HILL, MD—While the defending queen of the division—world champion Miss Easy—prepares to race in the \$100,000 New Jersey Sire Stake Final on June 4 at the Meadowlands, the two fillies who chased her much at last year, Yankee Co-Ed and Cam's Exotic, will be chasing each other in the \$180,000 Turtle Dove Saturday at Rosecroft Raceway.

The home track advantage could be a major one for Yankee Co-Ed (3 3-0-0 \$109,427), who swept both the eliminations and final of the \$170,420 John W. Miller Memorial Pace for trainer-driver Bob Roberts on May 21. Yankee Co-Ed, who won eight of 14 freshman starts, is leased by the Estate of the late Charlie Keller, one of Maryland's premier breeders and owners after his career with the New York Yankees. She is the only filly ever to beat Miss Easy, winning an elimination of the Three Diamonds last year at Garden State before losing in the \$422,400 final.

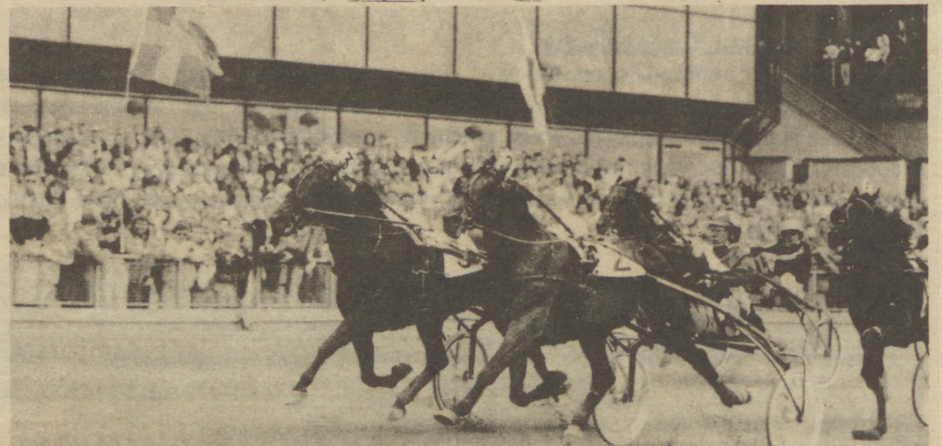
Cam's Exotic (41-1-1 \$59,627) lost to Yankee Co-Ed by 1 1/4 lengths in the Miller final, and she is coming off a disappointing sixth-place finish in a NJ Sire Stakes Memorial Day at the Meadowlands.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS SET FOR JULY 7 AT HALL OF FAME OF TROTTER IN GOSHEN, NY

GOSHEN, NY—Drivers John Campbell and Bill O'Donnell, the sport's two all-time leading money winners, and racing official Preston Jenuine, will be inducted into harness racing's Hall of Fame on Sunday evening, July 7, at the Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen, NY.

Elected last year by members of the U.S.

Harness Writers Association, the inductions will bring to 51 the total number of members in the Living Hall of Fame. The dinner, held under tents on the museum lawn each year, is open to the public. Tickets are \$65 and reservations can be made by contacting the Trotting Horse Museum, P.O. Box 590, Goshen, NY 10924, or by calling (914) 294-6330.



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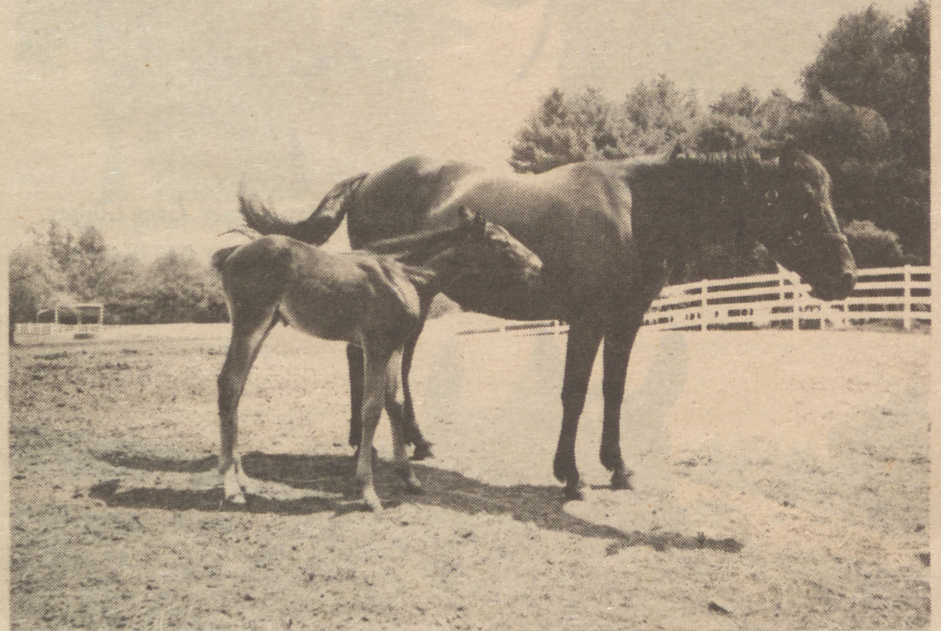
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Shawnee P. (Barney Blue Chip - Peggy P.) William Jordan owner, Greg Libbey trainer.



Can't Touch This (Lecoursier - not reported) Tim Case trainer, Carl Hopkins owner.



P.B.'s Repro (Kawartha T. Barr - Peachy's Betsy) Dana Childs trainer, Ed Sturgeon owner.



Orono (Skipper Gene Marx - Minoka Hanover) Roosevelt Susi owner, Junior Fields trailer.



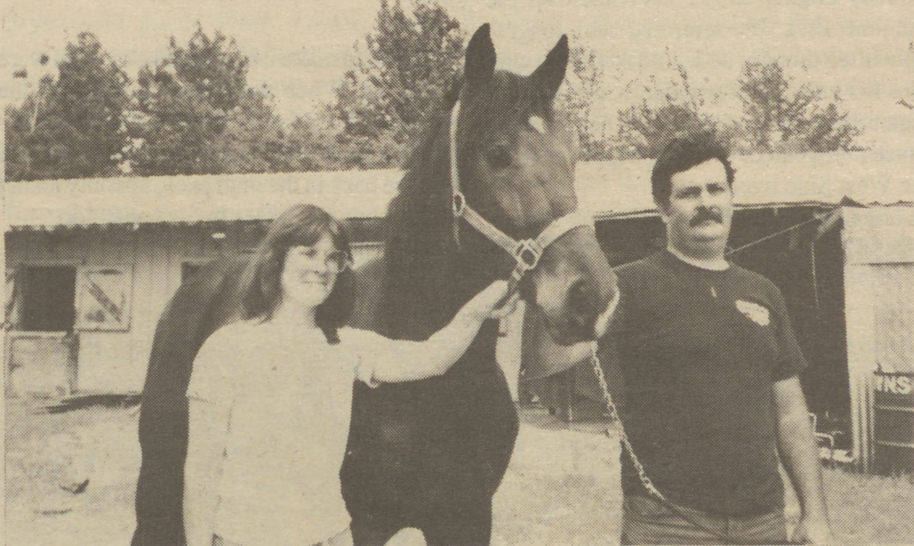
Charlene Chip (Barney Blue Chip - Miss Wells Lea) Roland Cole owner, Jim Brown trainer.



Peanut Avenger (Peanut Galley - Happy Blossom) Loring Norton owner, Mike Graffam trainer.



TRAINING AT SCARBOROUGH DOWNS



Dangerous Denis (Cavenish - Jinny Forwood) Roland Roux owner, John DeStefano trainer.



Springtime Melody (Springfest - Melsong Rainbow) Alberta Emerson owner, Arnold Miles trainer.



H.B. McKenney (Groveton - Kathy's Kash) Bob Levi owner, Gordon Corey trainer.



Kinda Tuff (Barney Blue Chip - Bay State Ginny) Walter LaFrenier and Lynn Marie Smith owner/trainer.



Gaelic Amber (Sheryl's Number - Armbr Whimsy) Tom Smith owner, Richard Robertson trainer.



Springs Delight (Springfest - Determined Squirt) Walter Wilson owner, Richard Howard trainer.





ON THE RAIL

by PHIL PINES

Making Waves On The Track

If you happen to be journeying through Kentucky in mid-July, please don't forget to stop at Louisville Downs and wish them a happy. The track is celebrating its 25th birthday mere child compared to places like Goshen's Historic Track -- still going strong at 153!

But there was one day -- it was about seven years ago -- that young Louisville will never forget: A storm baptized the Blue Grass State with four and a half inches of rain in a 25 hour period. Did it put a damper on the harness races at Louisville Downs?

Mercy, no!

The all-weather track being what it is -- an all-weather tack -- not only had a full card of races but the eighth race seemed to celebrate the downpour. It was won by a pacer named Striped Bass. Second was Nimble Fish and in third place, Happy Snapper. True! And so help me, Hannah, there was nothing fishy about the race.

That same July, this time in Cuxhaven, West Germany, a field of trotters raced along the shore when the water was at low tide in the town's North Sea harbor. Sort of like the time when Sep Palin took the trotting champion Greyhound along the water's edge in Daytona Beach, Florida, over a half a century ago.

Sep figured the big gray would trot a 1:52 mile on the straightaway along that hard-packed beach and was training him to go for it. One thing got in the way, however; every time a wave lapped at Greyhound's feet, he'd head for higher ground. And as every runner knows, you don't break records if you keep getting sidetracked.

But a little water has never seemed to discourage horsemen. A dozen decades ago there was a half-mile track constructed in Jersey City which seemed to challenge the ocean. Located at the edge of the Newark meadows, the track's builders decided the swamps were no problem -- they'd put their track right on top of it!

First they cut brush, laid it down, and covered it with heavy planks. Then earth was spread atop the planks and on this base the harness horses raced. A ditch on the outside of the track drained away most rainfalls.

But when the spring tides ran high, the salt water worked its way into the underpinning, giving the fans cause to tell the builders they were all wet. Records were never broken at that West Side track, as it was called, but it had some memorable moments. Like, for instance, Dan Mace's last race.

Now, Dan was a respectable driver during the high wheel sulky ear. He had a long, handlebar mustache that caused his mouth to vanish. And when he appeared on any track, his garb was impeccable. He wore a robin's egg blue jacket with a matching cap. Black trousers. Dressed to the nines.

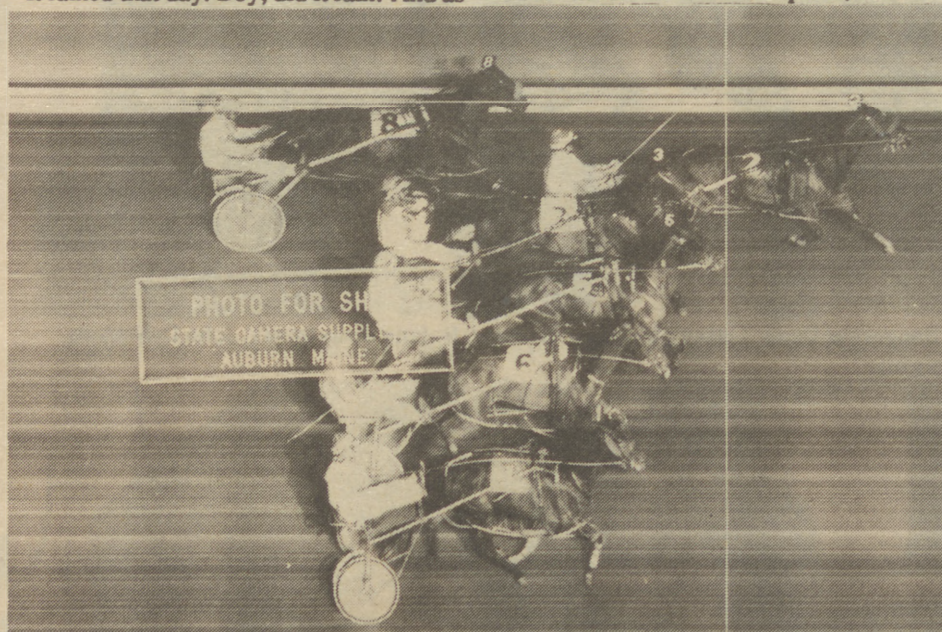
And was he ever busy in the sulky! Dan used body English to get his horse over the finish line first. He squirmed and lunged. People often thought he would reach the wire before his horse. Unfortunately, all his shenanigans never helped him when he drove the last race of his career -- which happened to be at the West Side track.

It rained that day. Boy, did it rain! And as

the salt water started to creep under the floor boards of the track, the tide began to work its marvels.

Twelve horses started the race. Fortunately all of them could swim. But as it turned out they didn't have to. They reached the second quarter, gushes of water splashing in the air, horses and drivers soaked and covered with gunk.

The field make it home; none of them were lost at sea. When the judges scraped off the winners, Dan Mace's muck-covered robin's egg blue jacket was not among them. He had finished back in the mud pack, not only losing the race but the crease in his pants, too.



Scarborough Downs, an all weather track, located two miles from the ocean and bordering on marshland has had many new lifetime marks and some very competitive racing this season. Here six finish within a length of the wire.

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Vernon Downs News

By JIM MORAN

VERNON — Maine-native Gary Bryant sent out two winners during the Memorial Day weekend at Vernon Downs.

On Saturday, May 25, the Bryant-trained 5-year-old pacer Deer Valley captured Vernon's top \$4,800 division of the weekly Miracle Mile Pace with a season's-best 1:55.3 mile for catch-driver Seth Fry. It marked the second Vernon victory and the third win in six season's outings for the bay son of Sonsam-Racy Raquel, who is owned by U.C. Steele of Boca Raton, FL. The career-winner of more than \$169,000 took his 1:54 speed-badge at

the Downs last season.

On Sunday, May 26, Sugar Wycliffe, a 3-year-old pacer that Bryant trains for the M. & E. Winkler, Debra Therrien and SWA Stable, earned a new mark and her first win in three season's outings with a 1:57.1 mile for driver Jeff Gregory. The bay daughter of Seahawk Hanover-Swift Kitty is now a career-winner of \$18,771. She took her 1:58.4 mark at the Downs last season.

Starting the weekend, Bryant had a very respectable .315 Universal Trainer Rating System's batting average at the Downs.



SUGAR WYCLIFFE, shown defeating two other pacers in the \$2,800 first race at Vernon Downs on Sunday, May 26, is trained by Maine's Gary Bryant. Jeff Gregory did the driving as the 3-year-old daughter of Seahawk Hanover-Swift Kitty earned a 1:57.1 record and her first victory in three season's outings. The bay filly has earned nearly \$18,900. She's owned by M & E Winkler, Debra Therrien and the SWA Stable.

Richards After Another "2:00" Triumph

VERNON - Del Richards, 42-year-old Maine-native and all-time leading driver of "two-minute" horses at Vernon Downs, will be looking for another such credit when he teams the pacer Tread My-T Lightly in tonight's \$1,700 featured seventh race at the Route 31 harness track.

The son of veteran Vernon horseman Ray Richards, Jr., Del became a regular on the local scene in 1974. The majority of his 2,000-plus victories have come at the Downs.

A five-time Vernon driving champion, including four dash-winning titles, Del took over the lead in "two-minute" drives last season. Through May 30 he had teamed 296 "two-minute" winners at the Downs, 17 of them this season.

One of his most recent "two-minute" miles was a 1:58.2 triumph behind Tread My-T Lightly at the Downs on May 27. It marked the first score this season for the 7-year-old gelding, who is owned by Carol Brice of Sherburne and Robert Okeefe of Norwich. Del's son, Brian, does the training.

Going up against Tread My-T Lightly and

Richards in the main event on tonight's 10-race card will be Tim Collins and driver Howie Okusko, Jr. They teamed up for a front-striding 1:58.4 score at the Downs on the same Memorial Day matinee program. It was the first win and a new mark for the 3-year-old Elitist-colt, who is trained by Okusko's father, Howard, Sr.

Also set to square off in the seventh race are Barclay Lobell, Calliope, Prophecy, Rijan Scooter and Why Didn't I.

DOWNS DOINGS - Leading "two-minute" drivers at the meet through May 30 - were Brian Allen and Mickey Bridges, each with 21 such credits. Others included Jeff Gregory, 18 "two-minute" trips, Richards, Brian Sears, 16 and Chuck Connor, Jr., 15 ... The fifth dash in this year's Morrisville College Foundation/Capital District O.T.B. Amateur Driving Series will be conducted as a non-betting event prior to tonight's betting card. Scott Gregoire turned in the fastest mile in the series to date when he teamed the pacer Kawartha Sandy to a 2:02.4 tally last Wednesday night.

Track Topics

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A Ray Of Hope In Massachusetts

It was a Narraganset pacer that carried Paul Revere on his famous warning ride from Boston to the neighboring precincts 216 years ago, but the current legislative beneficiaries of his heroics have not treated the pacer's descendants too kindly in recent years.

Harness racing, once a staple at Suffolk Downs and Foxboro - both now shuttered - has all but disappeared from Massachusetts, despite its rich heritage in that state and the fact that 2,871 active USTA members, and a slew of harness horses, reside in it and its surrounding New England states. There were a lot more before the demise of Foxboro.

Those owners, breeders, trainers and drivers of New England's pacers and trotters have had their hopes raised and dashed repeatedly since then, most recently last week when the good burghers of Uxbridge fell short by a mere 15 votes - out of 1,047 cast - of approving a proposed harness track in their town. The town meeting vote was 683 in favor and 364 against (a two-thirds majority of 698 'yes' votes were needed for the measure to carry). Freehold Raceway's Ted Snell, who would have run the Uxbridge track for builder Steven Gervasio, pulled all the stops in campaigning for the measure, including exploratory round trip bus trips for Uxbridge residents to Freehold (a 12-hour round trip) and a determined telephone and newspaper push. He succeeded in convincing the town's planning board and finance committee, both of

which approved the idea, but narrowly failed to muster the two-thirds majority of the town meeting vote. Another may be taken this week on reconsideration.

As Uxbridge fell a new and stronger beam of light surfaced, from an unexpected source. Charles Sarkis, president of Wonderland Park dog track in Revere, surprised everyone at a meeting of the Massachusetts Committee on Government Regulations when he proposed a new alignment of racing that would include 175 thoroughbred dates for Suffolk Downs, 100 thoroughbred dates for Foxboro, and 150 harness racing dates at that track, which last raced in 1986. Sarkis' suggested that Foxboro race against New Hampshire's Rockingham Park, thus avoiding a conflict between Suffolk and nearby Rockingham, and that the two Massachusetts tracks offer intertrack wagering, the dark track taking simulcasts from its counterpart that was racing.

Sarkis said he would give a five-year commitment to harness racing. "Having Foxboro will assure that racing will continue," he said, adding that "the commonwealth fell victim to Mr. LeRoux (the owner of Suffolk Downs) once before, let's not let it happen again. Proclaiming, "I am not a spoiler," Sarkis said he would welcome the opportunity to work with thoroughbred executive Jim Moseley and developer John Hall, who have a lease form LeRoux to reopen Suffolk, hopefully this summer or early fall.

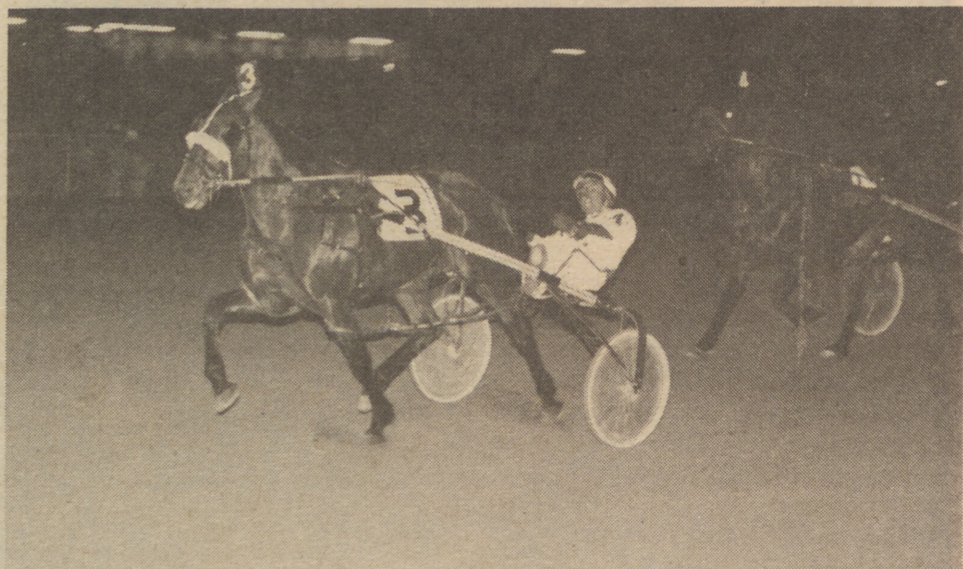
Freehold Tops Last Year

Freehold Raceway concluded its 1991 winter/spring meet on a positive note Memorial Day with a record crowd of 4,430 patrons. After 117 days of racing under new owner Kenneth Fischer, the track continued increases in both attendance and handle over last year. The track reopens for live racing on Friday, Aug. 16.

The meet ended at Freehold with daily attendance averaging 2,385, up 9% over 1990 and the daily on-track handle of \$365,000 up 5% over the same period last year. With simulcasting of the Freehold races to The

Meadowlands and Garden State Park, Freehold's total daily handle average was \$600,442, up 6.6% over 1990.

The winter/spring meet driving title was captured by 31-year-old Clarksburg, N.J. resident Jack Moiseyev for the second straight meet with 198 wins. Herve Filion was second with 174 wins and Catello Manzi third with 150 wins. Freehold resident Jeff LaPoff, 29, was the leading trainer for the third straight time with 62 victories from his stable. Fred Grant was second with 32 wins and Paul Wotowicz was third with 26 wins.



Racealong J.D., a regally bred son of Nero, who won the second round of the Pine Tree Stakes, stepped to a new lifemark of 1:57.3 at Scarborough Downs teamed by Greg Annaloro for owners Rick and Kim Moody of Wells, Maine.

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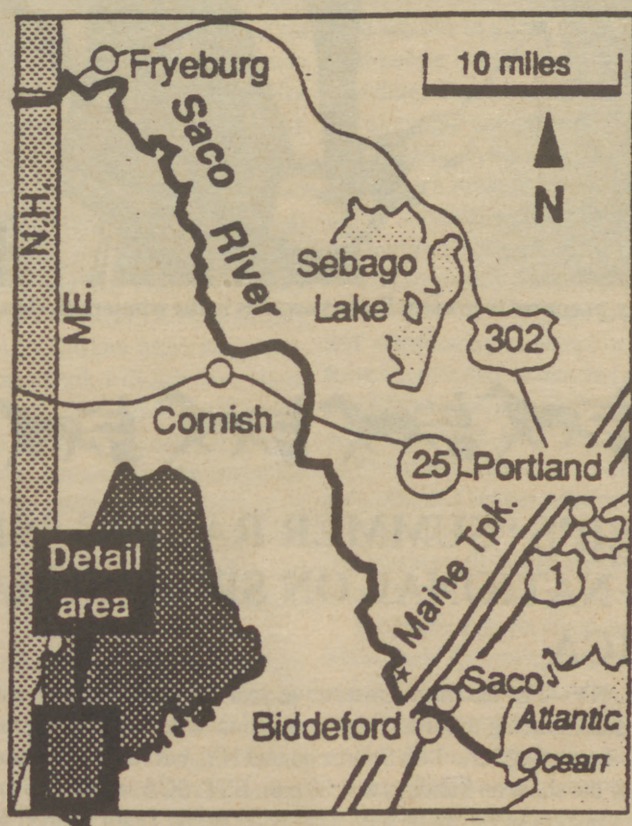
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Roy Gartley drives Fedora's Fury to a decisive win at 2:12.2 at Gorham Raceway on July 8, 1964.

Gartley At Home

By BOB LOWELL

Veteran horseman Roy Gartley has returned to his home in Gorham from Bangor where he had been hospitalized for seven weeks. Roy's wife Helen tells the Northeast Harness News that "Roy is not walking yet" following an operation on his spine.

The Gartleys as a couple have been a proverbial institution in harness racing over the years. Roy, a long-time trainer and driver, and Helen, operating restaurants and the paddock lunch, have been familiar to two or three generations of horse people. They have been one of racing's most dedicated and faithful couples. They have always been there for us.

Roy, a perennial on the old Foxboro-Rockingham-Suffolk downs circuit, competed with Hall-Of-Famers like Frank Safford and Del Cameron and his brother Dana Cameron. Gartley will tell you, "I raced with Del and Dana and now the Cameron grandchildren are driving."

A native of Houlton, Roy started his career in Maine racing at Old Orchard, and this took him all over the east and Canada. His itinerary included the old Dufferin Park in Quebec.

Some of the drivers competed in a rather rough and ready fashion when Roy started and he can recite some rather colorful, amusing anecdotes. He once recalled the incident as a young man when he was in a race with the

legendary Pierce Chappel who was a premier catch-driver during the 1930's. Chappel while a top man has a reputation as being a bit on the rough side.

Roy remembers that Chappel came to him before a race warning him as a young fellow to stay out of harm's way because he intended to upset the field leaving.

Roy continues that Chappel did it. He dumped the whole field.

Some of the now long ago names that Roy raced with included Henry Clukey, Red Hannifin, Earl Avery and Jim Phalen. Roy was there with them all.

One of racing's most colorful drivers, he once raced chariots at fairs virtually over the whole country. He even appeared in a Hollywood movie as a chariot driver.

For years, Roy trained out of the barn on the backstretch at Gorham. It became known as the Gartley barn. Equally adept as a catch-driver, he once drove the Clearview horses for trainer Linc Keene. Two of his stand-outs from his own stable were Claire Direct and Shadydale Mission.

Roy, who was 78 on May 31st, resides at 14 Narragansett Street in Gorham, ME 04038. We know that he would like hearing from you.

Roy has done so much for the racing community, we hope that everyone will intercede on Roy's behalf with a prayer. Chances are that he's prayed for you.

Women In The Sport: Nationally E. Jane Murray - Administrator for Maryland Standardbred Race Fund

Jane Murray, 32, is presently "top gun" in the Maryland Sire Stakes/Maryland Development Fund office. She comes well recommended to this post. Previous to this she assisted Walter Warrington at Pompano Park with the Florida Breeders Stakes.

Jane, married to Doug Murray, former Farm Manager at Castletiny Farm, has had a lifetime of involvement with horses.

Born in Waukesha, Wisconsin she attended Madison schools and graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School. Jane has always been a "horse person." As a child she attended Arlington Park and the country fairs that offered harness racing. She had her own pony at age twelve and started riding and showing. As a teenager she worked for Ray Gardner grooming at Class A mid-west shows. In 1974 they had the U.S. National Champion Western Pleasure Horse and traveled throughout the western circuit.

After graduating from high school, Jane enrolled in the University of Wisconsin at Madison in Agriculture/Economics. After three and a half years she transferred into the University of Arizona Industry program, combining her career with horses.

In January of 1980 Murray got a part-time job at Tuscon Greyhound Park (which supported the U of A racetrack program). Fellow student, Peter Koch, now race secretary at Buffalo/Batavia, influenced Jane in the direction of harness racing. When Chuck Burr and Don Evans, guest speakers at the U. of A.,

where looking for student interns for the U.S.T.A. she took the job. A wealth of information was gained traveling the harness racing outpost in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas that summer.

After a final semester at U. of A. and graduation, Jane accepted a job at Quad City Downs as placing judge and in the bookkeeping department. After the meet she stayed on in accounting. The next step was to clerk of course from March to October at Quad City and November to March at Fairmont Park in Illinois. After becoming program director at Quad City Downs she spent the winter in Florida, marrying Doug in 1982. As he trained his own stable the couple would make the move from Florida back to the mid-west each season.

In November 1988, husband Doug became farm manager at Castlelity Farm in Delray Beach and the couple became permanent residents of Florida.

In January of 1989 Jane was hired as administrative assistant to Walter Warrington at the Florida Breeders base in Pompano Beach. In June of the next year the post of administrator for the Maryland Standard bred Race Fund opened and she was chosen for the job.

In discussing long term goals with Jane at Rosecroft Raceway she indicated a real interest in Race Track management. She has traveled a long road from that first pony, proving once again the opportunities for women in the sport.



Jane Murray prepares to present Stakes awards in the winners circle at Rosecroft Raceway.



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ERL News Brief

Stress Fractures Can Result in Complete Breakdowns

DAVIS, California -- Research conducted at the University of California Davis Veterinary School reveals a possible cause for a particular type of catastrophic breakdown of racehorses. Throughout the last year, members of the U.C. Davis Veterinary Orthopedic Research Group and other associates have studied limbs from postmortem examinations of racehorses, performed by the California Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System (CVDLS), University of California, Davis for the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB). Findings suggest that a pre-existing injury may have contributed to the final breakdown of the humerus (the bone between the shoulder and elbow joints).

Drs. Sue Stover and Roy Pool (Veterinary Orthopedic Research Group), Dr. Alex Ardans (Director, CVDLS), and Drs. Mark Anderson, Brad Barr, Barbara Daft, Bill Johnson, Hailu Kinde, Janet Moore, Derek Reed, and Leslie Woods (CVDLS Veterinary Pathologists) have studied a group of horses that had complete fractures of the humerus during training or racing. After closely examining the fractured humerus from 11 horses, nine of these had evidence of a previous "incomplete stress fracture."

A stress (or fatigue) fracture results from repetitive loading incurred during race training. The initial damage is usually small and results in an incomplete fracture that penetrates only a portion of the affected bone. During postmortem examination incomplete stress fractures can often be detected by the presence

of extra new bone (bony callus) that results from the healing process.

This incomplete stress fracture creates a weak spot in the bone which predisposes it to completely fracture under otherwise normal racing or training exercise. Horses diagnosed with incomplete stress fractures should be withdrawn from intense training for three to nine months to allow the bone to completely heal before being returned to a normal work schedule. These horses are at a great risk of developing a complete fracture during training or racing. A horse that is allowed to run too soon after a stress fracture occurs could end its career and/or life prematurely. It is important to identify affected horses before this occurs.

Unfortunately, incomplete stress fractures of the humerus are very difficult for the trainer and veterinarian to detect in racehorses. Affected horses may or may not show a lameness and horses with a partially healed fracture of both front legs may display a decrease in performance without a distinct lameness. In fact, affected horses may be very frustrating for the trainer because the horse may not be performing well, but an abnormality cannot be found by the trainer or veterinarian.

Incomplete stress fractures of bones in the lower limb (for example, the cannon bone) are usually detected with x-rays. But the humerus is a difficult bone to x-ray because it lies next to the chest, beneath six to eight inches of muscle. For the same reasons any pain, heat, and swelling associated with an incomplete fracture are deeply located and hard to detect.

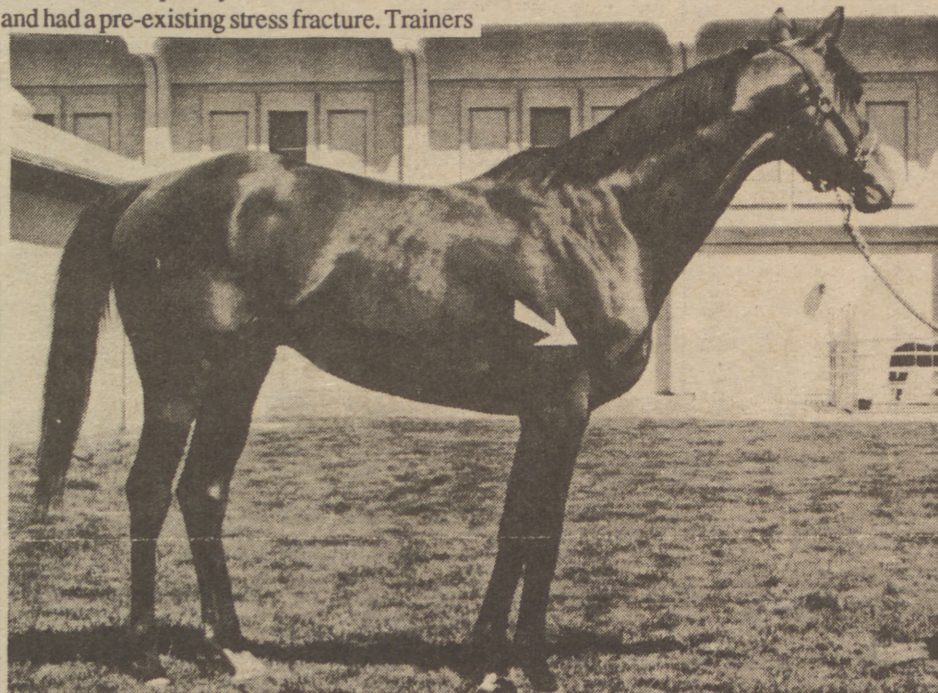
Incomplete stress fractures of the humerus can be detected by a bone scan, which can be done at facilities that have a gamma camera. If it can be determined which horses are likely to have an incomplete humeral stress fracture, those horses can be transported to an appropriate facility for bone scanning. Horses with documented stress fractures could then be treated and monitored for healing before returning to race training.

More research is being done to help determine the causes and characteristics of stress fractures. Investigations are currently directed toward two goals. The first is to find training and/or lameness histories that are common to horses that completely fracture their humerus and had a pre-existing stress fracture. Trainers

and veterinarians could be made aware of factors indicative of impending stress fractures to enhance detection of affected horses in time to be treated and thus, avoid a catastrophic breakdown. The second goal is to gain a better understanding of the development of incomplete stress fractures. Further work could then be directed toward diminishing factors that promote stress fracture formation (e.g. specific shoeing or training regimens, etc.)

This article prepared through the U.C. Davis Equine Research Laboratory which receives funds from the Oak Tree Racing Association, the State of California satellite wagering fund and contributions by private donors.

The Editor



The humerus (arrow) is a bone located deep in the muscle between the shoulder and elbow

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